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Representative Tommie Brown and Representative Joe Towns congratulate the presidents of Tennessee's Historically Black Colleges and Universities following Monday evening's Black History Month celebration. From left: Dr. Wayne T. Riley, Jr., Meharry Medical College; Dr. Melvin N. Johnson, Tennessee State University; Dr. Kofi Lomotey (representing President Hazel O'Leary), Executive Vice President and Provost, Fisk University; Dr. Forrest E. Harris, Sr., American Baptist College; Representative Brown; Dr. Robert H. Harvey, Interim President, Knoxville College; Dr. Wesley C. McClure, Lane College; and Representative Towns. (Not pictured is Dr. Johnnie B. Watson, Interim President, LeMoyne-Owen College, who also attended.) The celebration honoring the state's seven HBCUs was hosted by the Tennessee Black Caucus of State Legislators.

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The Agriculture Committee met Tuesday to consider five bills on calendar.

The following bill was referred to Finance, Ways and Means:

HB 2444 (Litz) exempts from sales tax sales of flatbed trailers with a gross vehicle weight of 23,000 pounds or less, used primarily for agricultural purposes, to qualifying farmers or nurserymen.

The following bill was referred to Government Operations as amended:

HB 2343 (Moore) enacts the Fire Safety Standard and Firefighter Protection Act which requires cigarettes sold in this state to meet certain ignition and flame standards in order to reduce the risk of fire caused by smoking. The selling or manufacturing of cigarettes in violation of the provisions of this bill is punishable through civil penalties.



Rep. Moore

The following bills were rolled:

HB 3176 (Gilmore) was deferred one week.

HB 3456 (Litz) was deferred one week.

HB 2802 (Buck) was deferred two weeks.

children & family affairs

Amelia Mitchell

The **Children & Family Affairs Committee** did not meet on Wednesday, February 27th.

Domestic Relations Subcommittee

The **Domestic Relations Subcommittee** met on Tuesday, February 26th, to consider its calendar and the following bills were passed to full committee:

HB 399 by Rep. S. Jones clarifies that social security numbers that are held by DHS are not public record, for purposes of child support enforcement.



Rep. S. Jones

This bill also deals with determining a party's income by the most recently filed federal income tax return. When the gross annual income of a party changes, that person has 15 days to notify the department.

certify in writing or through sworn testimony that court intervention is necessary when seeking resolution from the court. This bill also requires DCS to notify the foster parent, adoptive parent, or relative caregiver the right to be heard during a review or hearing regarding the child.

The following bills were deferred one week:

HB 2622 by Rep. S. Jones

HB 2720 by Rep. Fincher

HB 2961 by Rep. Hardaway

HB 2962 by Rep. Hardaway

HB 2970 by Rep. Hardaway

HB 3044 by Rep. Santany

The following bill was taken off notice:

HB 1307 by Rep. West

The following bills were deferred two weeks:

HB 3323 by Rep. Brown

HB 3324 by Rep. Brown

HB 3325 by Rep. Brown

Family Justice Subcommittee

The **Family Justice Subcommittee** met on Tuesday, February 26th, to consider its calendar and the following bills were passed to full committee:

HB 3122 by Rep.

DuBois specifies that in addition to regular costs of an action, a court may award attorney's fees and reasonable costs incurred by a party to establish martial fault (including court reporter's fees, investigator fees, expert witness fees and deposition costs).

HB 3719 by Rep. Fincher adds aggravated sexual battery and aggravated sexual battery of a child to the offenses that a school must be notified by the court if a child is an adjudicated delinquent for such offenses.

HB 3143 by Chairman J. DeBerry requires a child's attendance at his or her permanency hearing. It also requires the Juvenile Court to review and ratify an independent living plan for children 16 years or older. It requires the court to ensure that a child 17 years or older to be informed and knowledgeable of the post-custody services available and attends a permanency hearing three months prior to the release from custody to review the child's plan to transition into independent living.

HB 3145 by Chairman J. DeBerry changes the requirements of the termination of parental rights in certain circumstances. This bill also creates an



Rep. Fincher

additional venue for which the petition may be filed and requires that proof of legal grounds and the best interest of the child are presented in default judgments for the termination of parental rights.

HB 3147 by Chairman J. DeBerry expands the stages in which a juvenile has a right to counsel to be at any delinquency proceeding or in any proceeding alleging unruly conduct in which the child is in jeopardy of being removed from the home. This bill also requires that in certain proceedings involving a child, an adult is entitled to legal counsel; and this bill establishes that if a juvenile or adult has a right to counsel and is indigent, the court shall provide counsel for such person.

The following bills were deferred one week:

HB 2540 by Rep. Fincher
HB 2602 by Rep. Hardaway
HB 3717 by Rep. Gilmore

Commerce passed three bills and three resolutions out on Tuesday during its full committee meeting.

HB 122 (DeBerry L), known as the “Restroom Access Act,” allows those persons with certain medical conditions to use restrooms in retail establishments with no public facilities. The establishment must have three or more employees



Rep. L. DeBerry

working at the time of the request, and the facility’s location must pose no safety or security risk. The legislation provides immunity from civil damages to the establishment and does not require the establishment to make any physical changes to its restroom.

[passed to Calendar and Rules]

HB 3626 (Tindell) creates licensure requirements for public automobile auctioneers. A new amendment was adopted by the committee that encompasses the three amendments adopted by the Utilities, Banking, & Small Business subcommittee last week. As amended, the legislation would regulate and license public automobile auctioneers under the Tennessee Auctioneer Commission & the Tennessee Motor Vehicle Commission; requires the title to be clean and unencumbered; and provides when the auctioneer takes the title during the course of the sale. A second amendment was adopted to allow the promulgating of rules upon passage and the effective date of January 1, 2009.

[passed and referred to Government Operations]

HB 3347 (Moore) gives the Commission of Firefighting Personnel Standards and Education the ability to certify persons who are not currently

firefighters but who complete an approved recruit training program.

[passed to Calendar and Rules]

HJR 911 (McDonald) confirms the appointment of Eddie Roberson as Director of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority.

[passed to Calendar and Rules]

HJR 912 (DeBerry L) confirms the appointment of Mary W. Freeman as Director of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority.

[passed to Calendar and Rules]

HJR 925 (Naifeh) confirms the appointment of Sara Kyle as Director of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority.

[passed to Calendar and Rules]

The following bills *were rolled*:

HR 227 (Shaw) is a statement of intent to inform Tennesseans of the changeover from analog to digital television broadcasts.

[rolled for one week]

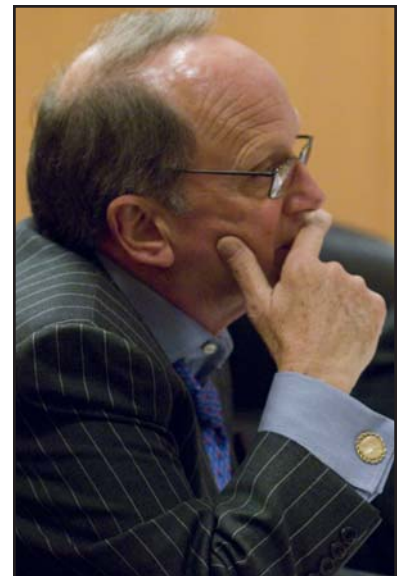
Utilities, Banking and Small Business Subcommittee

The **Utilities, Banking and Small Business Subcommittee** met

Tuesday immediately after full Commerce Committee and its regular time.

The following bills *were rolled*:

HB 1322 (West) requires licensure for providers of hospitality services by the Commissioner of Commerce & Insurance. *[rolled for two weeks]* **HB 2624 (Hardaway)** makes trustees of



Rep. West

cemetery companies personally liable, in addition to being jointly liable, if perpetual care trust funds are insufficient to fund such care. It also specifies that the purchaser of a burial plot has the right to record a copy of the proof of ownership of a burial plot with the register of deeds. *[rolled for one week]* Rep. Hardaway also had three bills regarding mortgage lenders: **HB 3188**, **HB 3778**, & **HB 3785**. *[all rolled one week]* **HB 2809 (Sontany)** increases the amount of the surety bond from \$25,000 to \$50,000 for new and renewed motor vehicle dealer licenses, and it removes the ability to use a letter of credit in lieu of a bond. *[rolled for one week]* **HB 3613 (Cobb C)** allows the sale of abandoned property in a safe deposit box. *[rolled for one week]* **HB 3102 (Curtiss)** modifies certain provisions regarding mechanic's and materialmen's liens. *[rolled for one week]* **HB 2853 (Turner M)** requires a purchaser of a motor vehicle for salvage to verify the seller's ownership by viewing the title and keeping a copy of the title. *[rolled for one week]*



Chairman Curtiss

Chairman Curtiss spoke at length about **HB 3959 (Curtiss)**. This legislation is a different approach to the statewide franchising of cable television services. It is very similar to the legislation he sponsored last session that creates a franchise authority. This authority is to be made up of 12 members

appointed by the Speaker of the House and the Speaker of the Senate. The appointments are individuals from the cities and counties with each population size having equal representation. The authority also includes the Comptroller of the Treasury, the chair of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority, and the Commissioner of the Department of Economic & Community Development. The scope of the franchise authority is limited to rule making, and the Tennessee Regulatory Authority will enforce the rules. Chairman Curtiss encouraged members to read over the bill and be prepared to discuss the bill more next week. *[rolled one week]*

Industrial Impact Subcommittee

The **Industrial Impact Subcommittee** met Wednesday and passed three bills to the full committee.

HB 2546 (Brooks, H) increases the number of modular buildings from one to five that can be built and sold by vocational-technical students per school per school year.

[passed to full committee]

HB 3105 (Curtiss) makes changes to contractor retainage funds. It applies to all prime contracts of \$500,000 or greater, and retainage is only held one time. Also, an amendment was adopted that would make it illegal to hold more than 5% retainage, and a violation would be a Class E felony punishable by a \$3,000 fine per day per infraction. *[passed to full committee]*

HB 2633 (Todd), better known as the "Mixed Martial Arts" bill, serves the three main purposes: 1) legalize and regulate mixed martial arts professional events; 2) create a state athletic commission; and 3) update the state boxing code. Rep. Todd offered a new amendment which rewrites the bill and it was adopted.

[passed to full committee]

The following bills *were rolled*:

HB 2528 (Turner, M) calls for statutorily mandated smoke detectors installed after January 1st of next year to be photo-electric (includes nursing homes, assisted-care living facilities, foster care dwellings, one-family or two-family rental units and residential buildings). The committee discussed a new amendment offered by Rep. Turner. The amendment would apply the legislation to all new construction and any renovations to an existing building. The detectors must be photo electric or a combination of photo electric and non-photo electric, except in the kitchen



Rep. H. Brooks

area which must have just photo electric detectors.
The committee will take up the bill next week. *[rolled for one week]*

HB 2519 (Turner, M) defines “durable medical equipment” within the TennCare program as equipment that can stand repeated use, is primarily and customarily used to serve a medical purpose, generally is not useful to a person in the absence of an illness or injury, and is related to the person’s physical disorder. It also establishes that an institution can be considered a patient’s or member’s home if it does not meet the definition of a hospital or skilled facility.
[rolled for one week]

HB 3743 (McCormick) provides for limited licensure, under certain circumstances, of non-resident contractors that live in states that do not practice reciprocity with licensees of the Tennessee Board for Licensing Contractors. David Braam of the Department of Commerce & Insurance spoke briefly about these reciprocity agreements with other states. According to Mr. Braam, making these agreements is within the sole discretion of the department.
[rolled for two weeks]

HB 2666 (West) increases the distance that pre-blast surveys of residences must be conducted from 300 feet to one-half (1/2) mile.
[rolled two weeks]

HB 3370 (Cobb, C) permits a dental service plan corporation to keep some or all of its business records in an acceptable electronic form.
[rolled one week]

HB 3671 (Shepard) establishes a framework for the issuance and regulation of guaranteed asset protection waivers. A “GAP” waiver is an agreement where a creditor agrees, for a separate charge, to cancel or waive all or parts of the amounts due on the borrower’s finance agreement in the event of a total physical damage loss or unrecovered theft. Tracey Harney with Guaranteed Asset Protection Alliance will address the committee next week.
[rolled for one week]

HB 2827 (Shepard) was taken off notice.

conservation & environment

Jeremy Maxwell

The Conservation and Environment Committee met Wednesday to hear four presentations. There were no bills on notice.

Jeffrey Barrie, Producer of Kilowatt Ours, showed a 12-minute excerpt from his award winning documentary film, Kilowatt Ours, and spoke on the benefits of energy conservation and efficiency opportunities in Tennessee

Gil Melear-Hough, Tennessee Director of Renewable Programs, Southern Alliance for Clean Energy, gave an overview of the current status of renewable energy both across the nation and within the state of Tennessee

Dr. Jonathan Gilligan, Senior Lecturer in Environmental Science and Public Policy at Vanderbilt University, spoke on climate change in earth's history focusing on the science, economics, politics, and ethics of anthropogenic global warming with a special emphasis on the opportunity for cost savings from the reduction of the use of fossil fuels.

Jim Keiffer, Senior Vice President of Marketing with Tennessee Valley Authority, gave the committee an overview of TVA's energy efficiency initiatives

Wildlife Subcommittee



Rep. Williams

The Wildlife Subcommittee met to consider one bill on calendar and to hear a presentation.

HB 2615 (Williams) creates a special joint study committee to evaluate improvements to the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency, including but not limited to, the issues of state

and federal funding sources. The committee shall report its findings and recommendations to the 106th General Assembly within one year of the effective date of this act, at which time the committee shall cease to exist.

The committee also heard TWRA present its budget.

Environment Subcommittee

The Environment Subcommittee met Wednesday to consider five bills on calendar.

The following bill was referred to full committee as amended:

HB 3213 (Turner, L) states that the Chickasaw Basin Authority includes rivers and streams and their drainage areas that flow within Shelby County. The bill as amended also includes an extension of jurisdiction for the Chickasaw Basin Authority over all programs related to the Wolf River and its respective drainage area without regard to county or municipal boundaries.

The following bills were referred to full committee:

HR 234 (Turner, M) urges President and Congress to enact legislation to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, improve energy efficiency, and mitigate global warming.

HB 3209 (Fitzhugh) expands West Tennessee River Basin Authority's geographical area of concern to include Cane Creek Watershed in Lauderdale County.

The following bills were deferred one week:

HB 3977 (Hackworth)

HB 3940 (Lynn)

Parks and Tourism Subcommittee

The Parks and Tourism Subcommittee did not meet this week.

consumer & employee affairs

Lucy Wilson

The **House Consumer & Employee Affairs Committee** heard **HB 3107 by Curtiss**. This bill



Chairman McDonald

would require disposable cigarette lighters to have safety devices to prevent accidental operation. Chairman Curtiss offered an amendment that would change the word 'disposable' to novelty. The bill was rolled one week for committee members to review the bill and its amendment.

The **Employee Affairs Subcommittee** was cancelled.

HB 2594 by Turner M, allowing victims of domestic violence to be eligible for workers



Rep. Turner

compensation under certain circumstances, was rolled one week by the sponsor.

HB 3400 by Cobb C, a workers' compensation bill removing the requirement that sponsoring associations submit to the commissioner of commerce and insurance on at least an annual

basis confirmation that participants comply with requirements for qualifying as self-insurers, was

referred to the Workers' Compensation Advisory Council. This bill will be back on the calendar March 11, 2008.

The **Consumer Affairs Subcommittee** passed **HB 2522 by Turner M** to the full committee. This bill requires that gift certificates with a monetary value of \$10.00 or less be redeemable in cash for the cash value.

HB 3860 by Odom would prohibit fees for imposing or removing a credit freeze on a consumer when the consumer has been a victim of a breach of information on the holder's security system. The sponsor took this bill off notice.

The Education Committee met on Wednesday to consider its calendar. Action follows.

Referred to Calendar & Rules:

HJR 811 – (Winningham) directs the office of education accountability to survey each LEA with a Pre-K program to ascertain if Pre-K teachers receive the same employment rights as K-12 teachers.



Chairman Winningham

Referred to Calendar & Rules, if amended:

HB 2974 – (Winningham) requires the CEO of the Tennessee Education Lottery Corporation to report quarterly to the commissioner of finance and administration and

the commissioner of education the amount of unclaimed prize money for the after school programs special account.

Referred to Finance, Ways & Means:

HB 2897 – (Winningham) the department of education is to establish a grant system for differentiated pay plans for retention and hiring of teachers by LEAs. Funding would be subject to a 25 percent match by the LEA, adjusted for the LEA's fiscal capacity under the BEP formula.

HB 2898 – (Winningham) children of full-time employees of human resource agencies would be eligible for the same tuition discount as children of full-time state employees.

HB 3487 – (Winningham) requires LEAs to offer the same coverage offered to state employees for an optional long-term insurance plan.

Referred to Finance, Ways & Means, if amended:

HB 2775 – (Brooks, H.) as amended, encourages LEAs to place automated external defibrillator (AED) devices in schools.

HB 2975 – (Winningham) directs the department of education to establish a system of competitive grants for eligible institutions providing after-school educational programs. The awarding of grants is subject to the availability of funds in the LEAP grant fund.

Referred to Government Operations:

HB 2939 – (Windle) creates rural poverty center at Tennessee Technological University to develop solutions to improve economic conditions of rural areas in the state. The University and the center are to make annual reports to the Governor and to each member of the General Assembly.



Rep. Windle

Referred to Government Operations, if amended:
HB 3301 – (Vaughn) is the “Tennessee Advanced Placement Incentive Program Act of 2008.” The program is to be administered by the department of education and is to provide high school students access to



Rep. Vaughn

advanced educational courses and tests for postsecondary success.

Deferred 1 week:

HB 2971 – (Winningham)

HB 2973 – (Winningham)

HB 3483 – (Yokley)

HB 3511 – (Jones, U.)

HB 3614 – (Maddox)

HB 3911 – (Maddox)

HB 4083 – (Maddox)

HB 4084 – (Maddox)

HB 4086 – (Maddox)

Deferred 2 weeks:

HB 3321 – (Brown)

HB 3454 – (Brown)

Deferred 3 weeks:

HB 2440 – (Kelsey)

HB 3251 – (Coley)

The Higher Ed Subcommittee met on Wednesday to consider its calendar. Action follows.

Referred to Full Committee:

HB 2500 – (Odom) at state supported institutions retired state employees, with 30 years service, are authorized to attend one course per term without tuition costs or fees.

Deferred 1 week:

HB 3915 – (Rinks)

HB 4037 – (Armstrong)

HB 4016 – (Armstrong)

HB 3603 – (Sontany)

HB 4088 – (Maddox)

Deferred 2 weeks:

HB 3315 – (Brown)

HB 3316 – (Brown)

Taken off Notice:

HB 3009 – (Campfield)



K-12 Subcommittee

The K-12 Subcommittee met on Tuesday and took the following actions on its calendar.

Referred to Full Committee:

HB 3278 – (Maddox) repeals the “School Support Organization Financial Accountability Act of 2007.”

HB 3458 – (Litz) makes changes in the school support act.

HB 3685 – (Brooks, H.) makes changes in the school support act.

HB 4003 – (Jones, U.) directs the select oversight committee on education to study the impact of the “School Support Organization Financial Accountability Act” and delays the effective date of the measure to 2009.

Chairman Winningham recommended that all school support organization financial accountability legislation be referred to full committee and that the sponsors, working together and with the Comptroller, find a workable solution to their concerns.

HB 3942 – (Lynn) requires public school principals to allow up to ten (10) days excused absence to students with a parent or legal guardian who is granted home leave by the military.

Referred to Full Committee, if amended:

HB 2943 – (McCormick) directs the department of education to develop a college scholarship program promoting civic education. As amended, the amount of the scholarship is lowered from \$1,000 to \$750.

HB 2944 – (McCormick) amendment rewrites the bill to extend the civics education commission to July 1, 2009, and directs the commission to make a final report to the Governor and the education committees of both houses by that date.

HB 3615 – (Maddox) amendment rewrites the bill to exempt school boards from notice requirements in cases of allegations of criminal or professional misconduct on the part of a director of schools.

HB 3943 – (Lynn) requires unpaid leave to licensed teachers when visiting a spouse, child, or parent in the military who is granted rest and recuperation leave. Amendment limits to ten (10) days the amount of such leave.

Deferred 1 week:

HB 4095 – (Coley)
HB 2651 – (Hackworth)
HB 2652 – (Hackworth)
HB 3640 – (Johnson P.)
HB 2482 – (McDonald)

Deferred 2 weeks:

HB 3285 – (Maddox)
HB 3702 – (Brooks, K.)
HB 3073 – (McCord)

Deferred 3 weeks:

HB 2927 – (Kelsey)
HB 4089 – (Maddox)
HB 2770 – (Hood)

Deferred 4 weeks:

HB 3794 – (Johnson, C.)
HB 4071 – (Johnson, C.)

Deferred to Next to Last Calendar:

HB 2556 – (Hackworth)
HB 2649 – (Hackworth)

Deferred to Last Calendar:

HB 3760 – (Todd)

Taken off Notice:

HB 2919 – (West)

Special Initiatives Subcommittee

At its Wednesday meeting the Special Initiatives Subcommittee took the following actions.

Referred to Full Committee:

HB 2894 – (Winningham) requires LEAs to submit to the department of education any revised bullying, harassment, or intimidation policies.

HB 3485 – (Winningham) revises provisions regarding required training in special education law for mediators and administrative law judges.

HB 2755 – (Pruitt) prohibits K-3 teachers from teaching without an endorsement to teach in these grades.

HB 3051 – (Winningham) requires development of acceptable Internet use policies for public children.

Deferred 1 week:

HB 2777 – (Baird)
HB 2747 – (Lundberg)
HB 2524 – (Turner, M.)
HB 2525 – (Turner, M.)

Deferred 2 weeks:

HB 3745 – (Harrison)
HB 3158 – (Harrison)

Deferred 3 weeks:

HB 2795 – (Hardaway)

Deferred to Last Calendar:

HB 3857 – (McCord)

Taken off Notice:

HB 4132 – (West)
HB 3951 – (Odom)

finance, ways & means

Julie Travis & Patrick Boggs

This week, the House Finance, Ways and Means Committee met to consider five pieces of legislation and hold budget hearings. Tuesday, the committee heard from the Tennessee State Museum, the Tennessee Arts Commission, and the Tennessee Human Rights Commission. Wednesday, budget hearings continued, with the Tennessee Commission on Aging and Disabilities, the CoverTennessee program within the Department of Finance & Administration, and the Department of Health all presenting their budgets to the committee for consideration. The hearings will conclude for the week today after session with the Tennessee Board of Regents, the Tennessee Higher Education Commission, the Tennessee Student Assistance Corporation and the University of Tennessee all scheduled to appear before the committee.

Bills Referred to Calendar & Rules:

HB 2455 (Pitts) – This legislation corrects an error in last year’s legislation that funded disabled homeowner property tax relief but these individuals were left out of the legislation enabling the funding to be distributed to them. A letter from the office of the Comptroller ensures the funding for the bill, as those monies were appropriated last year for the current fiscal year.

HB 2984 (Litz) – Names an underpass on I-81 in Hamblen County the “John Porter Davis Underpass.” The signs are to be erected and paid for by the county government.

HB 3276 (Maddox) – This bill authorizes the twenty-one counties that fall under the County Financial Management System of 1981 to sell surplus property online via auction.

HB 3443 (Rinks) – This bill, with an amendment that rewrites it, changes the dates of the upcoming spring sales tax holiday to April 25th-27th so as not to conflict with Easter weekend.

Bills Rolled One Week:

HB 2837 (Borchert)



Budget Subcommittee

The Budget Subcommittee met on Wednesday, February 27th, 2008, and considered thirty-two bills. The results of those actions are as follows:

Bills Referred to the Full Committee:

HB 348 (Buck) – This bill requires the minimum energy conservation standards for any new residential building construction after January 1, 2008 to be up to 2003 International Energy Conservation Codes. The subcommittee adopted an amendment to allow localities to adopt a tougher standard on the wood sheathing used in the construction of homes.

HB 2458 (McDaniel) – This bill names a section of S.R. 69 in Decatur County the “Guy Stokes and Guy Stokes, Jr. Memorial Highway.” It will be paid for with highway fund dollars as Mr. Stokes Jr. died in the line of duty while serving in Vietnam.

HJR 826 (M. Turner) – This resolution encourages the President and Congress to refrain from borrowing money from or selling our country’s national debt to foreign entities to support the federal budget. It also expresses our urge to reduce the national debt.

HB 2885 (Bone) – This bill names a section of U.S. 70 in Wilson County the “Pvt. Billy Edward Stevenson Memorial Parkway.” Pvt. Stevenson died in the line of duty and thus the signage will be paid for with state funds.

HB 3784 (Bone) – This bill names a section of S.R. 266 in Wilson County the “Arlie and Charlie Pass Highway.” An amendment was adopted by the subcommittee that specifies that the non-state funds that pay for the signage must come from the Wilson County government.

HB 3360 (Fitzhugh) – This bill makes various changes to the Tennessee Consolidated Retirement System. Among the changes are an added availability of a transportation benefit under the cafeteria plan of benefits offered to state employees; and, it expands the ability to match an employee’s 401(k) deferred comp. contribution.

HB 3349 (Fraley) – This bill creates a one cent per ton (1¢/ton) inspection fee for distillers’ wet grains



Rep. Fraley

and other distillers’ by-products when such grains or byproducts contain more than 75% moisture and are distributed without further processing.

HB 3167 (C. Johnson) – This bill removes the limit that localities may spend at their discretion on tourism advertising.

HB 2915

(Maggart) – This bill forbids county election commissions from placing social security numbers on voter registration cards.

HB 2505 (Mumpower) – This bill names Exit 66 (S.R. 126/Memorial Blvd.) on I-81 in Sullivan County the “Emory ‘Cumbo’ Sykes Interchange.” The subcommittee amended the bill to specify that Sullivan County must pay for the signage.

HB 2506 (Mumpower) – This bill names a bridge on S.R. 44 in Sullivan County the “PFC Eugene H. Stepp Memorial Bridge.” The naming of the bridge will be paid with state highway funds as PFC Stepp was killed in the line of duty.

HB 2489 (Eldridge) – This bill names the section of U.S. 45 in Madison, Chester, and McNairy counties

the “Rockabilly Highway.” An amendment was added by the subcommittee to designate that Madison County must pay for the signs to be manufactured and installed.

Bills Rolled Two Weeks:

HB 1168 (Sontany)
HB 4034 (Lynn)

Bills Placed Behind the Budget:

HJR 553 (M. Turner)
HB 2527 (M. Turner)
HB 3108 (Curtiss)
HB 3419 (Dunn)
HB 3047 (Dunn) – This bill is to be grouped with other like bills that deal with exempting material sales by public libraries to be tax-exempt.
HB 2810 (Fraley)
HB 3386 (Lundberg)
HB 3463 (McDonald)
HB 3821 (Pitts)
HB 3822 (Pitts)
HB 2977 (Winningham) – This bill was placed on the Behind the Budget sign calendar.
HB 2858 (Winningham)

Bills Referred to the Government Operations Committee:

HB 2433 (McDonald)
HB 3124 (Montgomery)

Bills Taken Off-Notice:

HJR 807 (K. Brooks)
HB 3792 (Pruitt)
HB 4190 (Hardaway)
HB 2603 (Hardaway)



Rep. Eldridge

government operations

Kristina Ryan

In memory of the untimely passing of the committee's secretary, Representative Gary Rowe, the committee deferred all action from this week's calendar to next week.

health & human resources

Judy Narramore

The **Health & Human Resources Committee** met Tuesday morning, February 26, 2008, to consider five bills. **HB 2934 (McCormick)** that decreases existing age restrictions for donating blood from 17 years to 16 years and authorizes persons who are at least 16 years old to donate blood on a voluntary basis



Rep. Lynn

with written parental consent was referred to C&R. **HB 2945 (Lynn)** as amended that removes the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Health Care Organizations from current law related to licensing of a home medical equipment provider was discussed at length, and ultimately rolled

at the request of a committee member. **HB 4015 (Armstrong)** that renames the “Black Health Care Commission” as the “Health Equity Commission” and extends the Commission until January 15, 2012, was referred to Government Operations. **HB 2993 (Overbey)** that replaces the terms “handicap” or “handicapped” with “disability” or “disabled” throughout TCA Title 4 and Title 8 was referred to C&R. **HB 2729 (Favors)** as amended that allows an assisted care living facility (ACLF) resident who qualifies for hospice care under Medicare to receive hospice services and continue as a resident of the ACLF so long as the resident’s physician authorizes the hospice care can be appropriately provided at the facility, and further, the hospice provider and the ACLF develop a plan of care that ensures the health, safety, and well-being of the resident was referred to FW&M.

Public Health & Family Assistance Subcommittee

The **Public Health & Family Assistance Subcommittee** met immediately following adjournment of the full committee on February 26th. **SJR 0127** as amended (carried in the House by **Rep. Gresham**) that proposes to amend Article 1, of the Constitution of Tennessee, relative to abortion, failed

3-6 on a roll call vote.

The subcommittee continued its calendar on Wednesday afternoon, February 27th, referring one bill (HB 3678) to full committee. **HB 3678 (S. Jones)** requires the Department of Human Services to promulgate rules that address the education of parents of children in day care regarding the benefits of immunizing their children against

influenza. Two bills were taken off notice: **HB 3292 (Odom)** and **HB 3791 (Pruitt)**. After discussion and testimony on **HB 1419 (Harwell)** that requires active, informed parental consent with universal mental health screenings, three amendments were adopted, and the bill was rolled one week at the request of a subcommittee member. **Rep. Fincher** presented **HB 2564** concerning criminal penalties for tattooing a minor and parental proof when providing permission for tattooing or piercing a minor. The bill was then rolled one week at the request of the subcommittee for clarification of a proposed amendment offered by Rep. Fincher. **Rep. Maggart** requested that **HB 0941** be rolled one week. **Rep. Kelsey** requested that **HB 2925** be rolled two weeks. **Rep. Moore** requested that **HB 3264** be rolled one week. **Rep. Brown** requested that **HB 3332** be rolled one week.

Professional Occupations Subcommittee

The **Professional Occupations Subcommittee** met Tuesday afternoon, February 26th to consider four bills; referring one (HB 2825) to full committee. **HB 2825 (Shepard)** requires the county medical examiner to investigate and certify a death certificate under certain conditions and provides immunity from civil damages to a physician acting in good faith relative to certificates of death. After discussion and testimony on **HB 0163 (DuBois)** concerning long-



Rep. Gresham

term care insurance partnerships, the bill was rolled three weeks at the request of the subcommittee.

Rep. Vaughn rolled **HB 3298** one week. **Chairlady Favors** rolled **HB 3633** one week.

Health Care Facilities Subcommittee

The **Health Care Facilities Subcommittee** met Wednesday, February 27, 2008, to consider six bills; none were referred. Rep. Eldridge requested that Rep. M. Turner's four bills on calendar, **HBs 2572, 2677, 3838, 3941**, be rolled two weeks. **Rep. Fitzhugh** rolled **HB 3364** one week. **Rep. Maggart** discussed **HB 3138** and then took the bill off notice.

The Full Judiciary Committee met to consider eleven bills. HB 2591 by Rep. Gilmore failed for a lack of a second. This bill required the clerk of court to notify a petitioner of an ex parte order of protection of its service on the respondent upon the petitioner's request. House Bill 583 by Rep. DuBois was rolled by the committee for one week to obtain a possible revised fiscal note.



Chairman Coleman

The following is a list of bills approved for passage to Calendar & Rules:

- **HB 2420 by Rep. Moore**, as amended, creates a Class B misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500) for any person to knowingly sell, give, transfer, use, distribute or possess with the intent to sell, give or distribute software that is designed for the purpose of interfering with the operations of any ticket seller that sells tickets over the internet to a sporting event, theater, musical performance, or place of public entertainment or amusement to gain an advantage in the ticket buying process.
- **HB 3135 by Rep. Fincher**, as amended, makes void and against public policy any covenant, promise or agreement in connection with or collateral to a motor carrier transportation contract purporting to indemnify the promisee against liability for damages resulting from the negligence of the promisee. The amendment makes this inapplicable to the Uniform Intermodal Interchange and Facilities Access Agreement or other agreements providing for the

interchange, use or possession of intermodal chassis, containers or other intermodal equipment.

- **HB 3630 by Rep. Fincher** requires the Administrative Offices of the Court ("AOC") to consider the need of each victim offender mediation center when distributing state funds to such centers.
- **HB 3198 by Rep. Coleman** requires municipal court judgments earn the same post judgment interest as other court decrees, which is ten percent (10%) annually, except as may be otherwise provided or permitted by statute.
- **HB 3204 by Rep. Coleman** adds Tenn. Code Ann. as an authorized abbreviation for the Tennessee Code Annotated.

List of bills approved for passage to the Finance Committee:

- **HB 2599 by Rep. Bass** expands circumstances in which a court may order consecutive sentences to include an offense committed while a defendant is on community corrections.
- **HB 2940 by Rep. Windle** adds escape from a penal institution or lawful custody while being held on a felony to the list of offenses that elevate the punishment for the offense to first degree murder if the killing of another occurs during the perpetration of the offense.
- **HB 3212 by Rep. Gilmore** adds the offenses of aggravated rape of a child, sexual battery by an authority figure, and statutory rape by an authority figure to the list of offenses in which a defendant may file a petition requesting the DNA analysis of any evidence that is in the possession or control of the prosecution, law enforcement, laboratory or court.

- **HB 3408 by Rep. Matlock**, as amended, authorizes Monroe County and Loudon County to increase local litigation tax from ten dollars (\$10.00) to twenty-five dollars (\$25.00).

Civil Practice & Procedure Subcommittee

The Civil Practice & Procedure Subcommittee met to discuss twenty-four bills this week. Due to ongoing negotiations between interested parties involving employee privacy and the need for open government records, the Civil Practice and Procedure Subcommittee rolled its open record bill on this week's calendar one week. HB 2222 by Rep. Maddox was rolled to the last calendar. HB 4189 by Rep. S. Jones was taken off notice.

The following bills were approved for passage to the Full Judiciary Committee:

- **HB 2456 by Rep. McDaniel** authorizes Wayne County to levy a privilege tax on litigation in all civil or criminal cases not to exceed twenty-five (\$25.00) per case to be used for equipment and personnel costs of the county sheriff's department.



Rep. Hackworth

- **HB 2558 by Rep. Hackworth** authorizes the Anderson County Chancery Court child support referee to also serve the juvenile court.

- **HB 3734 by Rep. Fincher** modifies and clarifies the requirements for providing a debtor's name in a

financing statement filed in accordance with the U.C.C. for perfection purposes.

- **HB 3748 by Rep. Curtiss**, as amended, requires the notice sent to a debtor in any sale of land to foreclosure a deed of trust, mortgage, or other lien securing the payment of money or other thing of value to the mailing

address of the property and the last known mailing address of the debtor or other mailing address of the debtor specifically designated for receiving notices provided at least thirty (30) days prior to the first publication date in written correspondence with the loan agreement if the last known address differs from the mailing address of the property.

- **HB 3963 by Rep. Curtiss** authorizes advance practice nurses licensed under Title 63, Chapt. 7, Part 126, and physicians licensed under title 63, except radiologists, pathologists and anesthesiologists to have a right to be members or holders of financial rights of the same professional limited liability company.

- **HB 3438 by Rep. Rinks** expands the types of authorized investments fiduciaries can make to include investments in the form of securities or other interests in an open end or closed end management type investment company or investment trust registered under the Federal Investment Company Act of 1940.



Rep. Rinks

- **HB 3031 by Rep. Hawk**, as amended, revises method for calculating the amount of wages withheld in a garnishment. The amendment makes a technical correction.

- **HB 3600 by Rep. McManus** requires creditor's claims to be filed against an estate within the earlier of four (4) months from the date of the first publication of the notice to



Rep. McManus

creditors or twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. Currently, the law requires claims to be filed within four (4) months from the date of the first publication of the notice to creditors.

The following is a list of bills rolled 1 week:

HB 2421 by Rep. Moore (open records bill)
HB 2499 by Rep. Odom (open records bill)
HB 3062 by Rep. P. Johnson (open records bill)
HB 3040 by Rep. Bell (open records bill)
HB 3850 by Rep. Montgomery (open records bill)
HB 1108 by Rep. Buck
HB 2797 by Rep. Buck
HB 2469 by Rep. S. Jones

Rolled 2 weeks:

HB 1359 by Rep. L. Turner
HB 3515 by Rep. U. Jones
HB 4076 by Rep. Hardaway
HB 2954 by Rep. Lynn

Rolled 4 weeks:

HB 2661 by Rep. Hackworth
HB 2662 by Rep. Hackworth

Criminal Practice & Procedure Subcommittee

The Criminal Practice and Procedure Subcommittee met to consider twenty-four bills. House Bill 3605 by Rep. Todd, which expands the enhanced punishment for drug offenses and prostitution committed within 1,000 feet of a school or park to five miles, failed for a lack of majority vote.

The following is a list of bills that were approved for passage to the Full Judiciary Committee:

- **HB 4162 by Rep. Fincher** authorizes funeral or burial expenses for crime victims to be paid from the Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund to the legal representative of the victim's estate, or if no estate, to a relative of the victim who paid these expenses.
- **HB 3798 by Rep. Bass** makes the definition of a domestic abuse victim regarding orders of protections contained in T.C.A §36-3-601 consistent with the same definition in T.C.A. §39-13-111, entitled Domestic assault.

Bills rolled 1 week:

HB 2432 by Rep. Hardaway
HB 2431 by Rep. Hardaway
HB 2728 by Rep. Favors
HB 2803 by Rep. Sontany
HB 3650 by Rep. M. Turner
HB 2604 by Rep. Hardaway
HB 2625 by Rep. Hardaway
HB 2967 by Rep. Hardaway
HB 2968 by Rep. Hardaway
HB 3509 by Rep. U. Jones
HB 3512 by Rep. U. Jones
HB 3513 by Rep. U. Jones
HB 3514 by Rep. U. Jones

Rolled 2 weeks:

HB 2683 by Rep. Dunn
HB 3751 by Rep. Todd
HB 4001 by Rep. U. Jones
HB 3411 by Rep. Lynn

Rolled 4 weeks:

HB 852 by Rep. Eldridge (On DUI calendar)

Off notice:

HB 2518 by Rep. Fitzhugh
HB 3174 by Rep. Gilmore
HB 2592 by Rep. Gilmore

state & local government

Lawrence Hall, Jr.

This week in the State and Local Government full committee there were four bills passed to Calendar and Rules and seven to Finance, Ways and Means. The committee rolled one bill, **HB 1918 by Rinks**, for one week.

To Calendar and Rules:



Rep. Overbey

-HJR 0861 by Overbey

– Names April 9, 2008 “TISL Day at the Capitol.”

-HB 3889 by Todd - Extends reporting deadline of the Special Joint

Study Committee on Ethics from March 1, 2008, to May 1, 2008.

-HB 2437 by Moore - Sets the maximum amount any utility provider may charge as late fees at 10 percent of the net amount or the amount due and owing if paid on or before a specific due date indicated on the bill sent to the customer by the utility.

-HB 3809 by Rinks - Removes the requirement in present law that for the licensee to sell alcoholic beverages for consumption on a paddlewheel steamboat, the vessel must provide overnight accommodations to its passengers.

To Finance, Ways and Means:

- HB 0017 by Shepard - Permits any registered Tennessee voter to vote absentee.

-HB 2424 by Hardaway - Permits Shelby County and the municipalities therein to convey property acquired for back taxes to a nonprofit community development corporation for development for affordable housing without requiring the community

development corporation to reimburse the taxing jurisdiction for the lost taxes, penalties, or interest.

- HB 3067 by McCord - Requires the Blount County election commission to place a liquor-by-the-drink referendum question, for the sale of wine only, for Townsend on the ballot of the November 2008 general election if the municipal governing body calls for such referendum by July 15, 2008, provided Townsend pays all costs associated with such referendum question.

- HB 3121 by Cooper - Exempts from ad valorem taxes certain headquarters facilities that agree to make payments to a municipality in lieu of special assessments.

- HB 3279 by Miller, L -

Authorizes paid career paramedics in a county in which a fire department operates its own fire training academy to receive paramedic training at such facility upon written interlocal agreement.

- HB 3455 by Tindell - Allows certain utility districts to jointly create public building authorities.



Rep. Miller

Rolled Bills:

HB 1918 by Rinks – 1 Week

State Government Subcommittee:

This week in State Government Subcommittee, five of ten bills were passed to full committee. The other five bills were deferred to later calendars.

To the Full Committee:

-HB 3787 by Odom - Replaces arts commission executive director with commission chairman as employing authority for state museum director, experts, and other employees.

-HB 3115 by DuBois - Requires state and local governments to create safeguards and procedures for ensuring that confidential information regarding citizens is securely protected on all laptop computers and other



Rep. K. Brooks

removable storage devices used by such governmental entity.

by at least 15 percent in state's vehicle fleet by June 30, 2010.

-HB 2949 by Lynn - Requires regulating entities to notify a holder of a license, certification, or registration of applicable laws and changes in applicable laws.

-HB 3470 by Dean - Designates "Towing and Recovery Week" in Tennessee as week including third Saturday in September.



Rep. Dean

Rolled Bills:

- HB 3328 by Brown – 2 Weeks
- HB 2963 by Hardaway – 1 Week
- HB 3599 by Hardaway – 2 Weeks
- HB 2948 by Lynn – 2 Weeks
- HB 3504 by U. Jones – 1 Week

Local Government Subcommittee

The Local Government Subcommittee considered a total of 18 bills this week. Of the 18 bills, ten were passed to full committee and the others were rolled to a later calendar.

To the Full Committee:

-HB 3731 by Fitzhugh - Increases from 22.5 cents to 30 cents the amount per person in a county that each county must annually pay to the comptroller to help with the expenses and compensation of auditors.

-HB 3729 by Fitzhugh - Revises property tax provisions in regard to remedies and assessments under appeal; places restrictions on judicial review of certain exemptions.

-HB 3728 by Fitzhugh - Authorizes use of sales comparison approach in assessing mineral interests and all other interests, not defined as products of the soil, in real property, including the interest that a lessee may have in and to improvements erected upon land where the fee, reversion, or remainder therein is exempt to the owner, and which interest or interests is or are owned separately from the general freehold.

-HB 2517 by Fitzhugh -Increases from \$20,000 to \$24,000 the maximum allowable income for determining eligibility to participate in the state's tax relief program for homeowners who are totally and permanently disabled.

-HB 0649 by Turner M - Requires the state fire marshal to develop guidelines concerning vehicular gates surrounding gated communities, apartments, and condominiums to ensure access to all emergency vehicles.

-HB 3033 by Watson - Requires state treasurer to make certified public administrator's educational incentive payments to sheriffs without regard to other

supplements received for in-service training or professional development.

-HB 3858 by McCord - Specifies certain types of construction that do not constitute utility construction for purposes of determining when subdivision plats must be submitted to municipal or regional planning commissions for approval.

-HB 3508 by Jones, U - Revises procedures for electing county officers and filling of vacancies by county legislative bodies. - Amends TCA Section 5-1-104 and Title 5, Chapter 5, Part 1.

-HB 4054 by Jones U - Designates October 9th as “Firefighters’ Memorial Day,” a day of special observance.

-HJR 919 by Odom – Refuses participation in the Tennessee-Georgia Boundary Line Commission purportedly established by Georgia General Assembly; expresses sense that Tennessee-Georgia boundary has been properly established since 1818.

Rolled Bills:

HB 3059 by Lundberg – 1 Week
HB 2676 by Turner M – Off Notice
HB 2946 by Lynn – Off Notice
HB 3186 by Hardaway – Off Notice
HB 3190 by Hardaway – Off Notice
HB 3192 by Hardaway – 3 Weeks
HB 3262 by Moore – 1 Week
HB 2913 by West – 2 Weeks

Elections Subcommittee

Elections subcommittee did not meet this week.



The **House Transportation Committee** convened February 26, 2008 to consider twelve bills. **HB4137**



Chairman Pinion

(Borchert) and **HB3833** (Vaughn) were deferred for one week. **HB2848** (DuBois) was taken off notice.

The following bills were referred to the **Calendar and Rules Committee**:

HB3983 (Todd) – Deletes specific population brackets relative to the use of blue flashing

emergency lights on official motor vehicles so that reserve or auxiliary deputy sheriffs or reserve or auxiliary police officers would, if authorized by the local sheriff or police chief, be authorized to operate an official motor vehicle that has blue flashing or red flashing emergency lights.

HB3260 (Gilmore) – Adds persons operating motorized and non-motorized wheelchairs to definition of “pedestrian” under rules of the road.

HB2928 (Kelsey) – Revises qualifications to receive a handicapped parking tag or placard to include persons with “vision of not less than 20/200 with corrective glasses in both functioning eyes” instead of persons with “vision of not more than 20/200 with correcting glasses”.

The following bills were referred to the **Finance, Ways and Means Committee**:

HB3673 (Bass) – “Jarret C. Gray Memorial Bridge” highway signs on U.S. Highway 31 in Giles County.

HB3674 (Bass) – “Deanna Glossup Memorial Bridge” highway signs on U.S. Highway 64 Bypass in Giles County.

HB3675 (Bass) – “Bobby Claud ‘BJ’ Englett, Jr. Memorial Bridge” highway signs on U.S. Highway 64 in Giles County.

HB3832 (P. Johnson) – “Lance Corporal Richard A. Buerstetta Memorial Bridge” highway signs on SR 100 in Williamson County.

HB3448 (Rinks) – Authorizes the department of transportation to reimburse a municipal utility for relocation costs of certain projects.

HB3065 (P. Johnson), which extends the initial issuance period for 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) new specialty earmarked license plates until July 1, 2009, was passed by the committee and will be placed in the **Omnibus License Plate Bill**

Public Safety & Rural Roads Subcommittee

The **Public Safety & Rural Roads Subcommittee** met February 26, 2008 to consider twelve bills.

HB3193 (Hardaway) was deferred for two weeks.

HB2966 (Hardaway), **HB2626** (Hardaway),

HB2941 (Windle) and **HB2916** (West) were rolled for one week.

HB30 (H. Brooks) was taken off notice.

HB2653 (Hackworth) was considered by the committee. An amendment was adopted that rewrote the bill to prohibit motor vehicles in a marked school zone, when warning flashers are in operation, from crossing a roadway with a crosswalk when a pedestrian is in such crosswalk. After the amendment was adopted, the bill was rolled for one week.

The following bills were referred to the full **Transportation Committee**:

HB3164 (Bibb) – Prohibits parking or leaving a motor vehicle on an exit or entrance ramp unless such motor vehicle is disabled. An amendment was adopted to allow the Department of Safety to take into

consideration an emergency situation or compliance with federal laws.

HB398 (S. Jones) – Authorizes Davidson County police to investigate motor vehicle theft and violations of motor vehicle registration laws in addition to department of safety’s officers. An amendment was adopted to clarify that nothing in the bill is to be construed as relieve any duties to report theft or recoveries of stolen vehicles to the Department of Safety.

HB2835 (Shepard) – Requires motor vehicles to move over or reduce speed when approaching a stationary motor vehicle on a shoulder with persons working on such vehicle or within the vicinity of such motor vehicle.

HB3681 (Lundberg) – Allows municipalities located within the large urban counties to select the color scheme of the municipality’s ambulances, provided the color scheme is the same used for the municipality’s fire department vehicles. An amendment was adopted to strip Davidson County’s present statutory authority to select the color scheme of its ambulances, which is the same the manner as described in the bill.

HB2547 (Sargent) – Prohibits a local government or any person from assessing an accident response service fee on an insurance company, the driver or owner of a motor vehicle, or any other person for the response or investigation by a law enforcement agency of a motor vehicle accident. An amendment was adopted to clarify that the bill does not

prevent a local government from billing for ambulance services if they are for an emergency response to an accident.

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Rep. Sargent

Subcommittee met on February 26, 2008 to consider sixteen bills. **HB2495** (Fincher) was deferred for three weeks

HB3106 (Curtiss), **HB2768** (Hardaway) and **HB2794** (Harwell) were rolled one week.

The following bills were passed to the full **Transportation Committee**:

HB3999 (Fincher) – “Johnny Hayes Highway” highway signs on a segment of U.S. Highway 31E in Sumner County

HB3092 (Hill) – “Richard “Rick” L. Edens Sr. Memorial Bridge” highway signs on a segment of SR 353 in Washington County.

HB2740 (Hardaway) – Designates I-240 in Shelby County as “Musician Memorial Highway.”

HB3701 (Shaw) – “Gunnery Sgt. Terry J. Elliot Memorial Bridge” highway signs on a bridge spanning Porters Creek on State Route 125 in Hardeman County.

HB3975 (Armstrong) – Exempts buildings of UT Medical Center in Knoxville from 35 foot height limitations otherwise imposed along designated scenic highways.

HB3659 (Williams) – Expresses intent to name appropriate bridge on State Route 840 in honor of late Staff Sergeant Stephen R. Maddies, Tennessee National Guard.

HB3720 (Bell) – Authorizes issuance of Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) new specialty earmarked license plates. The bill allocates proceeds from sales of such plates to VFW department of Tennessee for scholarships and teachers’ award to promote citizenship.

HB2813 (Pinion) – Requires persons or business entities operating a tollway facility to be American or be majority owned by Americans.

HB2687 (Hensley) – “Robert V. Gafford Highway” highway signs on a segment of U.S. Highway 412 in Lewis County.



Rep. Hensley





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